

SPORTING NEWS

TYRUS COBB HAS GREAT AMBITION

Wants to Lead Hitters For Tenth Consecutive Year.

HIS RECORD SHOULD STAND

No Other Ball Player Has Been Able to Lead Any League More Than Five Years in a Row—Speaker After Tiger's Honors This Season.

It has been said that no man can set a mark that some one later on will not break. Tyrus Cobb is a man who looks to be a limit, and then another arrives, surpasses him in turn.

But if any record in baseball is to stand we should say it would be the record set by Tyrus Raymond Cobb if the Georgia is able to lead the American league again this season and make it ten years in a row.

Cobb's Leading Ambition.

Cobb so far has led the American league at bat for nine consecutive campaigns. If he finishes first again this season he will have his ten year reign established.

To appreciate the magnitude of this undertaking, consider the following facts:

First—Hans Wagner at his best was only able to lead four successive years at bat.

Second—Nap Lajoie, the slugging legend, was only able to establish two unbroken years of leadership.

Third—Such mighty sluggers as Delmonico, Anson, Burkett and Hendrix were never able to lead five years in succession.

Fourth—Cobb in establishing his supremacy has been battling in a league which has offered him for rivalry such hitters as Lajoie, Collins, Speaker, Jackson, Baker, Crawford—where any off your meant sure removal from the top.

Fifth—Cobb has been battling his way through a league that has known such pitchers as Johnson, Waddell, Joss, Donovan, Walsh, Wood, Leonard, Bender, Coombs, Plunk and many others.

He came to a league that for ten years has been replete with great pitching and fine batmen, where the test has been a keen one, and yet for nine years he has led a field at bat that has offered over 500 opponents.

The Tenth Year.

Cobb is going to try to lead his league every year he plays baseball, but he feels now that if he can put away his tenth consecutive year on top there will be no sting in being displaced. He may change his mind later on, when he is finally beaten out, but that is the way he feels about it just now.

But he wants that ten year title back. And unless there is a decided change the man to give him battle for the top will be none other than Ty Speaker. Eddie Collins has got away to a poor start. Frank Baker hasn't been quite up to old form, and Jackson doesn't quite look to be the dangerous factor he was two or three years ago, when he was Ty's main rival.

But Speaker has gathered unto himself a new ambition. The stalwart Texan is not only hitting the ball beyond his best years, but he is working with greater earnestness than he has ever known before and is taking a keener interest in his play. So it begins to look as if Cobb and Speaker were to set the pace in the younger league, and as great as the Texan is, it is much to be doubted that he can outpace Cobb when Ty once swings into his stride.

Who Will Beat It?

If Ty leads his league again what epoch of the game is to produce a man who can beat this mark? Wagner and Lajoie were supermen at bat, and they have been at it for twenty years, yet neither has been able to equal half this reign in the merry kingdom of Sport.

To beat out 125 major league ball players for ten years is something more than a prodigious task. It is the one record, if there is any such, that will never be beaten until even Time itself is too gray and feeble to continue the journey.

Cobb up to the present writing has played in exactly 1,416 big league games and in that time has pounded out 1,376 base hits, an average of almost one and a half hits to each game of his career.

Speaker's Chance.

Ty Speaker has started out to give Cobb a battle all the way through the stretch. Speaker batted .383 in 1912 and .395 in 1913. He fell below those heights in 1914 and 1915, but 1916 finds Ty back upon another rampage.

Just at present he is only a shade under .400, and he is hitting the ball with greater confidence than he has ever shown. There seems to be something in the atmosphere of Cleveland that produces batting greatness, for the two who came closer to nipping Ty were Lajoie in 1910 and Jackson in 1911, both battering under Cleveland's banner.

There is a chance that Speaker will succeed where Lajoie and Jackson failed, but he will find little time to rest until October if the gay and festive trick is to be turned.

SO THEY GAVE JEFF AN AWFUL TRIMMIN'.

"The first time I ever saw a professional ball team," says Jeff Texera, "was when the Browns came down to Frederickburg, Mo., to play an amateur team for which I pitched in 1907. They beat us, 26 to 6."

"The next year, when I was in the International league, Joe Yenger, formerly with the Browns and then with Montreal, recognized me as the kid who had pitched against St. Louis that day."

"Do you know the reason we hit you so hard?" he asked.

"No," I replied.

"Why, your catcher gave his signals without trying to conceal them, and they were plain as day to us. All the batters knew what to expect, and we were almost ashamed to beat you that way."

PFEFFER BEST PITCHER.

So Says Manager Wilbert Robinson in Talking About His Star.

Wilbert Robinson is too old a bird in baseball to predict that he will win the pennant, but the Dodger leader does not disguise his satisfaction with the showing of his Brooklynites to date nor conceal his belief that the prizes of Flatbush have an excellent chance to finish first in the National league.

"Pennants are largely a matter of pitching," says rotund Robby. "Of course you need the machine back of the boys on the mound, but pitching is what always decides the issue in a close race."

"That is why I have a lot of confidence in the Dodgers. We have the pitchers. I think we have the best pitching staff in the National league, if not in the country."

"Grove Cleveland Alexander is not a better pitcher than Ed Pfeffer this year. To my mind the big right hander of our club is better than the Quaker star if anything. Then we have



Photo by American Press Association.

Wheeler Dell, who is a better man than many realize, and Sherrod Smith, Jack Coombs, Appleton, Marquard and Mails.

"There has been some criticism of my retaining Marquard. I have not lost faith in the Rubie. He is still a young man, and I believe he is apt to be a big help to us before the summer is over."

"With Daubert playing the best ball of his career, Wheat, Meyers, Strengel and Johnson playing well in the out field, Cuthshaw playing his usual peak about second and O'Mara playing brilliantly at short the pitchers are getting the right kind of support."

"I want to say a word about O'Mara, by the way. He is playing great ball. His short layoff has restored his confidence, and I look to him to fulfill his early promise and become a great infielder."

"Chief Meyers has strengthened us behind the bat. He is a big help to Miller and McCarthy. The chief is batting as he did in the old days with the Giants. I felt that he was far from through, and I'm glad to see him justify my faith in him."

"As I said before, I am not claiming any pennant. The work of the Dodgers speaks for me. We are out in front. There has been no fluke to our getting there. I think we have a good chance of holding our place."

Pitched One Ball, Retired Side.

One man in baseball history placed himself in the hall of fame by delivering that one ball, calling for probably only few seconds' actual preparation in the game. He was Manager Childs of the Portsmouth (O.) team. In a game with Marion June 20, 1910, Childs went into the box and pitched one ball. It resulted in a triple play, and Childs got credit, of course, for pitching an entire inning with one heave, the only time it has ever been accomplished.

SINGLE MEN TRIM TEAM OF BENEDICTS

Score 21 to 3 on Valley Fair Grounds Saturday — Crowd of About 200 Enjoyed the Sport.

(Contributed.)

The vim and pep displayed by nine single men employed at the Fort Dummer Mills gave them a victory over a team of married men on the Valley Fair grounds Saturday by a score of 21 to 3. Sharpe's marvelous pitching and Trahan's ability at the bat caused dismay among their elders. The game was seen by approximately 200, who enjoyed it thoroughly. The score:

Single Men.	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Trahan, c.	6	4	4	2	0	2
A. Trahan, ss.	6	5	5	0	1	3
J. Brouillette, lf.	6	4	2	0	0	0
McClinton, lb.	6	3	0	4	0	0
Amosworth, 2b.	6	5	1	2	1	0
Sharpe, p.	6	0	0	2	2	0
S. Amosworth, 3b.	6	0	0	0	0	0
E. Trahan, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Singleton, rf.	5	0	0	0	0	1

Totals.	51	21	12	12	4	6
Married Men.	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Dickinson, lb.	4	1	0	0	0	1
Holt, cf.	5	1	2	1	0	0
Webster, lf.	4	1	1	0	0	0
Uris, p.	5	0	0	0	0	2
Wadleigh, ss.	5	0	0	0	2	0
B. Uris, cf.	4	0	1	1	2	0
Conlon, 2b.	4	0	0	2	3	3
Nash, p.	4	0	0	3	0	0
Ruppel, 3b.	3	0	0	4	0	3

Innings,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Single Men,	4	4	2	0	5	4	2	0	0
Married Men,	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—
Two-base hits, Trahan, A. Trahan									
Bromliette, Holt. Stolen bases, Dick-									
son, Holt, Trahan. Sacrifice hit, S. Ain-									
worth. Double play, Wodjiek to Dick-									
inson to Criss. Bases on balls, 0									
Sharpe 3. Struck out, by Sharpe 14, by									
Nash 13. Umpire, Sam Smith. Time,									
hours,									

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

American League.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chubs.			
Boston.	54	46	.544
Chicago.	55	42	.567
New York.	53	42	.558
Cleveland.	51	44	.537
Detroit.	52	47	.525
Washington.	49	45	.521
St. Louis.	48	49	.495
Philadelphia.	49	51	.491

American League Games Today.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston at Detroit.			
New York at St. Louis.			
Philadelphia at Chicago.			
Washington at Cleveland.			

National League.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chubs.			
Brooklyn.	54	54	.500
Boston.	48	56	.460
Philadelphia.	49	58	.456
New York.	45	47	.489
Cleveland.	44	49	.473
St. Louis.	43	54	.443
Pittsburg.	39	49	.443
Cincinnati.	38	57	.400

National League Games Today.	Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Louis at Boston (double header).			
Pittsburg at New York.			
Cincinnati at Brooklyn.			
Chicago at Philadelphia.			

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

American League.	Won	Lost	Pct.
At Detroit.			
Boston.	6	9	.400
Detroit.	0	2	.000
Ruth and Cady; Coveleskie, Duhne and Stanger, Baker.			

At Cleveland.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Washington.	11	12	.479
Cleveland.	1	3	.250
Harper, Dumont and Henry; Lowdermilk, Klepper, Lambeth and Daly, Bradley.			

At Chicago—11 innings.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago.	4	10	.286
Philadelphia.	3	8	.273
Williams, Faber and Lapp; Sheehan, Bush and Haley.			

At St. Louis.	Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Louis.	4	10	.286
New York.	2	7	.222
Hamilton, Davenport and Severeid; Shawkey, Love and Nunamaker.			

National League.	Won	Lost	Pct.
At Philadelphia.			
Philadelphia.	4	10	.286
Chicago.	2	7	.222
Rixey and Kilifer; Vaughn, Prendergast and Wilson.			

At Brooklyn—first game.	Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Louis.	4	9	.306
Boston.	3	11	.214
Doak and Gonzales; Barnes, Reulbach, Allen and Gowdy; Traggesser.			

At Boston—second game.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston.	2	4	.333
St. Louis.	1	7	.125
Ragan, Allen, Rudolph and Gowdy; Traggesser, Rice; Steele and Snyder.			

At Boston—first game.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Brooklyn.	8	13	.385
Cincinnati.	3	10	.231
Smith and McCarthy; Toney, Schulz and Clarke.			

At Brooklyn—second game.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Brooklyn.	4	7	.364
Cincinnati.	0	4	.000
Cheney and Miller; Knetzer and Wingo.			

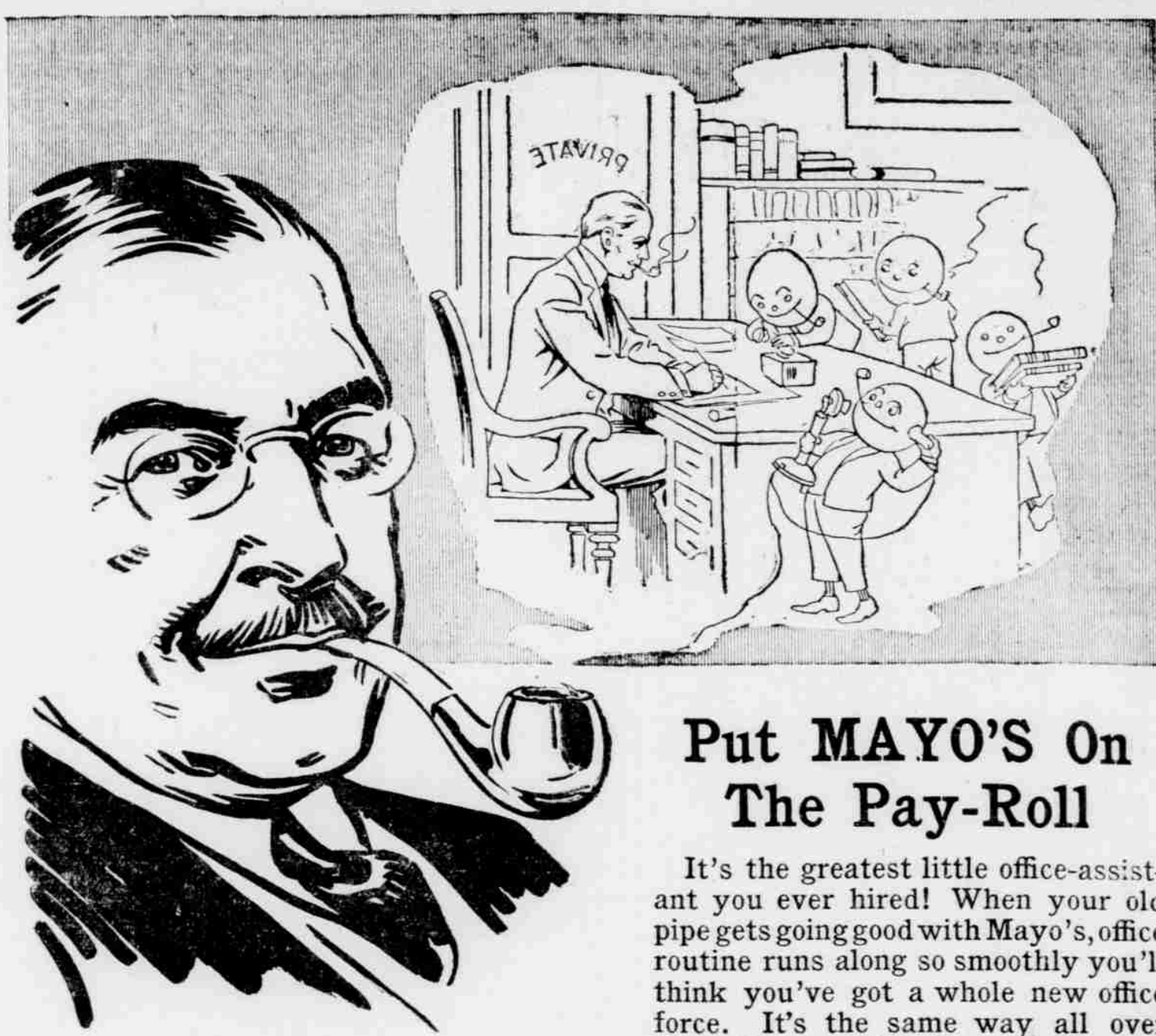
At New York—first game.	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York.	7	12	.364
Pittsburg.	0	8	.000
Sallee and Rariden; Koehler; Miller, Adams and Schmidt.			

At New York—second game.	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York.	7	10	.413
Pittsburg.	0	2	.000
Tesreau and Rariden; Jacobs, Carpenter and Fischer.			

Sporting Notes.

Ruth held Detroit to two hits yesterday, one a double.

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GOVERNOR FLETCHER MUCH WORRIED OVER UNION-JOURNAL TEST VOTE

From the immense amount of paid advertising space which ex-Governor Fletcher is devoting to the Lyndonville Union-Journal's state-wide test vote, terming it a "Page selected list," a "sham ballot," etc., etc., it would seem that the matter is one which appeals to him as being of more than passing importance, and possibly the subject demands just a word before it is dropped from final consideration.

It must be borne in mind that in none of the paid advertising of Mr. Fletcher has it been claimed that the list which he characterizes as a "Page selected list" does not contain the name of every living member of the Legislatures of Vermont since 1910. None of ex-Governor Fletcher's newspaper friends has presumed to question the fact that the list contained the name of every attorney, of every physician, of every minister of the gospel, as well as of every state and county official from 1910 to the present time.

It would have been very easy to have disproved the Union-Journal's statement if it were untrue, but being absolutely true, there was no other way but to try to laugh down the facts by crying "Sham Ballot," "Page selected list," etc.

The plain fact stands out, however, with all its force, that out of 3,846 replies received, only 121 showed a preference for Allen M. Fletcher for Senator.

The question which naturally suggests itself is, how did it happen? Isn't the average man going to believe that the Allen M. Fletcher Club of Northfield approaches very close to the truth when it says that all the living members of the Legislature for the past six years, all the state and county officials, all the lawyers, all the physicians, all the clergymen, with members of the Grand Army, fraternal societies, granges, etc., come pretty near constituting a "Page selected list"?

Governor Fletcher is too bright a man not to see that, as showing his standing before the people of Vermont, this test vote is anything but a "sham," "burlesque," and "fake," as he would have the people of Vermont believe.

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